



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 104**

*January Session, 2013*

Substitute Senate Bill No. 158

*Senate, March 25, 2013*

The Committee on Children reported through SEN. BARTOLOMEO of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) There is established a Task Force  
2      on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children. The task force, in  
3      consultation with the Department of Children and Families, the  
4      Department of Social Services, the Department of Correction and the  
5      joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
6      of matters relating to children, shall develop a master plan to reduce  
7      the instances of sexual abuse of children by January 1, 2020. Such  
8      master plan shall: (1) Adopt and implement policies addressing sexual  
9      abuse of children including age appropriate curricula for students in  
10     preschool to grade five, inclusive; (2) provide training for school  
11     personnel on child sexual abuse; (3) provide educational information  
12     to parents or guardians on the warning signs of a child being sexually  
13     abused, along with any needed assistance, referral or resource  
14     information; (4) provide counseling and resources for any student

15 affected by sexual abuse; (5) provide emotional and educational  
16 support for any sexually abused child; (6) develop methods for  
17 increasing teacher, student and parent awareness of issues regarding  
18 sexual abuse of children, including training such individuals on the  
19 recognition of warning signs of sexual abuse; (7) educate any sexually  
20 abused child on the availability of assistance and intervention; and (8)  
21 provide in-school counseling options for any student having suffered  
22 from sexual abuse. The task force may amend such master plan at any  
23 time.

24 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The  
25 Commissioner of Children and Families, or said commissioner's  
26 designee, (2) the Commissioner of Social Services, or said  
27 commissioner's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Public Health, or  
28 said commissioner's designee, (4) the Commissioner of Education, or  
29 said commissioner's designee, (5) the Commissioner of Correction, or  
30 said commissioner's designee, (6) the executive director of the Court  
31 Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, or said executive  
32 director's designee, (7) the Chief State's Attorney, or said Chief State's  
33 Attorney's designee, (8) one member of the public and one member of  
34 the General Assembly appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
35 Senate, (9) one member of the public and one member of the General  
36 Assembly appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
37 (10) one member of the public and one member of the General  
38 Assembly appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, (11) one  
39 member of the public and one member of the General Assembly  
40 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, (12)  
41 one member of the public and one member of the General Assembly  
42 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, and (13) one member  
43 of the public and one member of the General Assembly appointed by  
44 the minority leader of the House of Representatives. All appointments  
45 to the task force shall be made not later than July 31, 2013. Any  
46 vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

47 (c) The task force shall: (1) Gather information concerning the sexual  
48 abuse of children throughout the state; (2) receive reports and

49 testimony from individuals, state and local agencies, community-based  
 50 organizations and other public and private organizations; (3) create  
 51 goals for state policy that would prevent the sexual abuse of children;  
 52 and (4) advise the General Assembly and Governor concerning the  
 53 coordination and administration of programs that may prevent the  
 54 sexual abuse of children within the state.

55 (d) (1) Not later than July 1, 2014, the task force shall submit the  
 56 master plan described in subsection (a) of this section to the joint  
 57 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 58 matters relating to children, in accordance with the provisions of  
 59 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

60 (2) Not later than January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter until  
 61 January 1, 2020, the task force shall submit progress reports on the  
 62 implementation of the master plan described in subsection (a) of this  
 63 section and recommendations for implementing said master plan to  
 64 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
 65 cognizance of matters relating to children, in accordance with the  
 66 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

67 (e) The task force shall terminate on January 1, 2020.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In section 1(d)(2), "of the general statutes" was added after "section 11-4a" for clarity.

**KID**            *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Legislative Mgmt.; Various	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 1,000	Less than 1,000

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into FY 20.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN.***

**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Children Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 10      Nay 1      (03/07/2013)